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SUBJECT: PRG ATTENDANCE AT WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

REF: A) STATE 186032; B) BUCHAREST 3770

1. QUOTE OF MACOVESCU (REF A) WAS EXCERPTED BY GVN REP FROM TAPE RECORDERS AND IS BELIEVED ACCURATE. HOWEVER, CONTEXT WAS THAT MACOVESCU WAS BEING BADGERED BY NEWSMEN AS TO HOW GOR PLANNED TO IMPLEMENT ITS PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR PRG. MACOVESCU, AFTER LONG ASIDE WITH ADVISER, EXASPERATEDLY RESPONDED IN SENSE THAT "IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS" TO GET OFF EMBARRASSING HOOK. GHEORGHE PETRICU (AIDE TO MIRCEA MALITA) TOOK LINE WITH EMBOFF THAT ANY GOR "PLAN" MEANT ROUND OF PRE-CONFERENCE DEMARCHES GOR MADE TO VARIOUS WPC PARTICIPANTS.

HE INTIMATED GOR WAS UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM FRIENDS OF PRG TO "DO SOMETHING" EVEN THOUGH GOR ARGUED ISSUE WAS OUT OF ITS HANDS.

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2. IN AUGUST 24 PLENARY, 8 COUNTRIES CAME OUT IN SUPPORT OF PRG. CZECHOSLOVAKIA CONSIDERED IT "SHORTCOMING" OF WPC THAT PRG NOT PRESENT AND "DEMANDED AND INSISTED" THIS BE CORRECTED. MORE SOFTLY, POLAND SAID ABSENCE OF PRG "MARRED CONFERENCE UNIVERSALITY". SENEGAL "REGRETTED" PRG NOT INVITED AND CITED PARIS AGREEMENTS. REPRESENTATIVE

OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH POPULATION CONFERENCE SAID "PRG HAD SOLE RIGHT TO REPRESENT VIETNAMESE PEOPLE". BULGARIA WAS "UNHAPPY" THAT "LEGAL SVN REPRESENTATIVE" NOT INVITED AND "INSISTED" ON INVITATION. ALBANIA CONDEMNED DISCRIMINATORY ATTITUDE TOWARD PRG (AS WELL AS THE INJUSTICE TO PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF GRUNK REPRESENTATIVES). BELORUSSIA NOTED THAT ABSENCE OF PRG REPRESENTATIVES WAS IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF PARIS AGREEMENT. MAURITANIA TOOK NOTICE OF "INEXPLICABLE" ABSENCE OF PRG (AND GRUNK), AS DID REPRESENTATIVE OF CONGO.

3. WE WERE STRUCK BY RESPONSIBLE HANDLING BY MACOVESCU OF BUREAU DISCUSSION AUGUST 24 (REF B) AND BELIEVE GOR WILL NOT GET OUT IN FRONT, EVEN THOUGH MORE MILITANT DELEGATIONS MAY PUSH ISSUE ON LINES REF A, PARA 3.

4. MIDDLE-LEVEL GOR DELEGATE, WHO HAS CONVEYED RELIABLE INFO SO FAR, SAID THAT, AS OF AUGUST 24, MORE RADICAL NON-ALIGNED WERE COOKING UP "RESOLUTION" BACKING PRG TO BE SIGNED BY THOSE 40-ODD COUNTRIES WHICH RECOGNIZE PRG. DOCUMENT MIGHT BE PRESENTED IN BUREAU OR, MORE LIKELY, IN PLENARY NEXT WEEK, NOT WITH HOPE OF VOTE (WHICH PRG, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, COULD NOT WIN) BUT AS FURTHER SHOW OF SOLIDARITY, AS IN PLENARY SPEECHES. SOURCE REPEATED THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF A VOTE. EMBOFF RESPONDED ALONG LINES OF US STATEMENT AT BUREAU (REF B) AND HOPED MACOVESCU WOULD FIND WAY TO CONTINUE TO PONDER MATTER UNTIL AFTER CONFERENCE.
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